P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, in the community of the world's nations, the welfare of each country and its people is bound directly to the freedom of the seas;

WHEREAS, the United States of America has undertaken a dominant position in maintaining such freedom of the seas and insuring that it shall never be jeopardized by aggressor nations who might try to choke and starve weaker countries by denying them proper use of the seas;

WHEREAS, the Naval Air Arm is one of the major instruments by which this country insures that all peoples are permitted to make the maximum use of the seas;

WHEREAS, the Naval Aviation Reserve has been one of the principal means of providing a pool of trained manpower for the Naval Air Arm during the past 50 years;

WHEREAS, the needs of Naval Aviation have been great, and the first school for the preliminary training of Naval Aviation Reservists in an inland area was established in our sister state of Minnesota in July, 1917;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that South Dakotans are representative of the quality of man desired and needed in this important Navy program;

AND WHEREAS, the South Dakota State School of Mines was one of the highest ranking schools in the Northwest during the past year in the contribution of Naval Aviation Officer Candidates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I. NILS A BOE, GOVERNOR of South Dakota, proclaim this state's observance of 1966 as the Fiftieth Anniversary year of

NAVAL AIR RESERVE AVIATION

and call upon the citizens of this state to join with me in the recognition of South Dakota's weekend warriors who have volunteered to keep themselves prepared to carry on the tradition of the Minutemen whose thoughtful defense of their country contributed so much to its history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed on this 30th day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

Nils A. Boe

NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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